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## Nebraska Monthly Unemployment Rate Holds Steady

LINCOLN- The Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) announced today that Nebraska's preliminary unemployment rate for June is 2.6 percent, seasonally adjusted. The jobless rate is unchanged from the May rate and down 0.7 percentage points from the June 2014 rate of 3.3 percent.

"June continued the trend of the unemployment rate at well under last year's rate and total nonfarm employment holding at over 1 million," said Commissioner of Labor John H. Albin. "A variety of industries grew over the month and over the year."

Nonfarm employment in June was 1,007,608, up 6,082 compared to last June. Private industries with the most growth year over year were education and health services (up 4,793), other services (up 1,566) and financial activities (up 1,329). Month to month, the largest gains were seen in leisure and hospitality (up 2,703), mining and construction (up 2,150), and financial activities (up 187).

The seasonally-adjusted national unemployment rate for June is 5.3 percent, down 0.2 percentage points from the May rate of 5.5 percent and down 0.8 percentage points from the June 2014 rate of 6.1 percent.

July 2015 data will be published Friday, August 21.

### Labor Force Estimates - National, State, Omaha MSA, Lincoln MSA

Labor Force Estimates - National (Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Jun-15	May-15	Jun-14	May-15	Jun-14
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	5.3	5.5	6.1	-0.2	-0.8

Labor Force Estimates - Nebraska (Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Jun-15	May-15	Jun-14	May-15	Jun-14
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	2.6	2.6	3.3	0.0	-0.7
<b>Labor Force</b>	1,009,393	1,012,425	1,022,244	-3,032	-12,851
<i>Unemployment</i>	26,628	25,902	33,810	726	-7,182
<i>Employment</i>	982,765	986,523	988,434	-3,758	-5,669

Labor Force Estimates - Omaha MSA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Jun-15	May-15	Jun-14	May-15	Jun-14
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	3.2	2.9	3.9	0.3	-0.7
<b>Labor Force</b>	477,675	477,468	484,558	207	-6,883
<i>Unemployment</i>	15,476	13,789	18,674	1,687	-3,198
<i>Employment</i>	462,199	463,679	465,884	-1,480	-3,685

Labor Force Estimates - Lincoln MSA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Jun-15	May-15	Jun-14	May-15	Jun-14
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	2.6	2.2	3.2	0.4	-0.6
<b>Labor Force</b>	176,704	178,440	178,898	-1,736	-2,194
<i>Unemployment</i>	4,615	4,002	5,697	613	-1,082
<i>Employment</i>	172,089	174,438	173,201	-2,349	-1,112

Labor Force Estimates - Grand Island MSA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Jun-15	May-15	Jun-14	May-15	Jun-14
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	3.1	2.7	3.5	0.4	-0.4
<b>Labor Force</b>	45,014	44,276	45,708	738	-694
<i>Unemployment</i>	1,406	1,210	1,581	196	-175
<i>Employment</i>	43,608	43,066	44,127	542	-519

**NOTE:** Data is revised on a monthly basis. Data for previous years is benchmarked annually and is subject to change. MSAs represent Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Seasonally-adjusted data for the Omaha MSA and the Lincoln MSA is available about two weeks following this release. The seasonally-adjusted data can be obtained at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrossa.htm> or <http://neworks.nebraska.gov/analyzer>.

Micropolitan Statistical Areas (MC)	Counties included	Jun-15	May-15
		(Preliminary)	(Revised)
Beatrice MC	Gage	3.6	3.2
Columbus MC	Platte	2.8	2.5
Fremont MC	Dodge	3.3	2.9
Hastings MC*	Adams, Clay	3.1	2.7
Kearney MC	Buffalo, Kearney	2.5	2.2
Lexington MC	Dawson, Gosper	3.0	2.8
Norfolk MC	Madison, Pierce, Stanton	2.8	2.3
North Platte MC	Lincoln, Logan, McPherson	2.8	2.5
Scottsbluff MC	Scotts Bluff, Banner, Sioux	3.5	3.0
Red Willow SA (Small Labor Market Area)	Red Willow, Hitchcock	2.9	2.3

\*Hastings MC is a single county MC in 2015 (Clay County was dropped)

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The next scheduled release is June 2015 data on Friday, August 21, 2015.  
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